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## Busy Little Bureaucrats

Evidence is piling up on the operation of what has come to be known in Washington as the foreign-giveaway bureaucracy. Foreign handouts of American taxpayers' money—which started out as a "temporary" policy fifteen years ago—has now built itself into a five-billion-dollar-a-year government business in which the bureaucrats have a vested interest. And, as is usual in all bureaucracies, the funny business is beginning to show up. The trouble is—it's not so funny because it concerns your

hard-earned dollars.

For instance, away over in Laos—that's a country in South-east Asia—we had a bureaucrat whose job it was to give away some of your money there. In the process, he figured he might as well fix things up for himself. He had the power to award contracts for projects in Laos—paid for with your money—to certain companies. And guess which company got a contract? Why, none other than one which gave our bureaucrat what are politely called "gifts," amounting to twenty-

five thousand dollars.

The foreign-giveaway boys here at home have been keeping busy too—not taking “gifts” but writing books. Yes, I said writing books. They’ve written one with 153 pages in it. It’s printed on quite expensive paper in two colors of ink. You paid for it of course. But don’t expect to get your money back. This book is no best-seller. In fact, it was given away free—to each of the 533 members of the House and Senate. Along with it, there went to a selected list of committee members, according to the *Chicago Tribune*, a batch of stuff comprising 2400 pages. So you see, the boys in the foreign-

aid department are very busy little bureaucrats.

Meantime, Mr. Edward Hunter, the well-known writer and foreign correspondent who really knows something about Asia, told the Senate Internal Security Committee that American foreign-aid dollars are being poured into what he called “a bottomless pit” in Asia.

Incidentally, Mr. Hunter was asked about our negotiating with Red Russia and Red China. He called it “idiocy” and suggested that if we’re not careful, we are going to be taken for a ride at the coming summit conference, just as we were at Geneva.

## The Stake is Liberty

It is now nearly five years since the Supreme Court rendered its unconstitutional decision on school segregation. This was the decision, as you know, in which the Court reversed all previous decisions and took away from the sovereign American states the right to manage, as they thought best, their own locally-supported public schools. Basically, what the Court did

was to seize for itself the power to *force* mixing of the races in the schools. We are only now beginning to see some of the grave consequences which this usurpation of power by the Court could have for both our White and Negro citizens.

Here’s an example — in our national capital-city of Washington. Since the Supreme Court decision, there has been a drastic

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change in the population of Washington. Before the Court's decision, there were 520,000 White residents of the District of Columbia, and 280,000 Negroes. Now the figures have been reversed. Last year there were 380,000 Whites and 430,000 Negroes. In percentages, the population of Washington is now 47 percent White and 53 percent Negro. This is not due to an influx of Negro citizens into Washington, because the total population of the city has increased very little.

Actually what has happened is that, in an attempt to force integrated schools on free Americans, the Supreme Court has brought about a situation in which Washington — and many large metropolitan centers — are be-

coming segregated cities. Bad as this is, it is by no means the most serious aspect of the problem — for both White and Negro Americans.

A leftist Washington newspaper — which always defends the Supreme Court — has become very much concerned about this problem. It admits that this is a new form of segregation — and it says "it should be deliberately attacked as such." But how? Well, it has all sorts of grandiose schemes — most of them involving the expenditure of a great deal of public money.

But here is the point. Suppose the Supreme Court's usurpation of power is permitted to stand as what has been wrongly called "the law of the land." How long will it be before the Court, or a government commission, undertakes to tell Americans — White and Negro — where they shall or shall not live, where they shall or shall not work? How else can these segregated cities — which the Court's decision helped to bring about — be desegregated? In other words, what is at stake here is not racial tolerance — which can never be enforced by law — but the right of free Americans, of whatever color, to live

and work where and as they choose.

## Red Needles in "Cultural" Haystacks

Now here's an item that has its amusing side — but is also deadly serious. The House Un-American Activities Committee has been taking testimony from an ex-communist named Deriabin. But Mr. Deriabin is no ordinary ex-Red. He was for ten years an officer in the Russian State Security System. In fact, he was the Number Three man in the hated Okhrana — the secret police who guard the big boys in the Kremlin.

The amusing part of Mr. Deriabin's testimony had to do with activities — in the so-called "classless" society of communism — of the Soviet bureaucracy's top brass. He said certain Red officials live better than American millionaires. One of them built a special railroad from Moscow to his country home so he could transport guests to his daughter's wedding. They love wild and expensive drinking parties, with girls dancing on the tables. They have their own private hospitals, stores and farms. The farms raise special fruits,

milk, butter and meat for the top Red bureaucrats. This, mind you, in a land where forty years after the communist revolution, the ordinary people still do not have a decent diet.

But here is the serious part of Mr. Deriabin's testimony. Since he defected from communism, he has been trying to spot the Red spies who arrive in the United States with every delegation of Russians. This is part of that "cultural" exchange you've heard so much about. One of these Red agents appeared on the stage to take a bow with a troupe of Soviet dancers. He was supposed to be a member of the staff putting on the performance. Incidentally, these same Soviet dancers are paying us another visit this month. Two or three years ago, the National Council of Churches, which presumes to represent the majority of the Christian Protestant churches of America, with much fanfare welcomed to the United States a delegation of Russian churchmen. It

was headed by the second-ranking prelate of the Russian Orthodox Church. This man had been lavish in his praise of Stalin. But the National Council of Churches declared that this love-feast between Russian and American Christians would "hold the

world together." Well, the Soviet churchman whom the National Council welcomed so happily to our shores was not only a prelate of the Russian church. He was also a Russian State Security officer of long standing — in other words, a secret Red agent.

—John T. Flynn

*Foregoing items covered in Mutual Network broadcast 4/5/59*

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## BOOK REVIEW

### The Truth About Freedom

THE RISE AND FALL OF SOCIETY by Frank Chodorov, 168 pages. Devin-Adair, N.Y. \$3.95

In this day when "liberalism" means statism, when men sacrifice freedom for a spurious "security" — a State-endowed security which turns into inflation which in turn destroys real security — it is essential that the eternal truths underlying freedom be restated. Whether we heed and act upon these truths is up to us.

As Mr. Chodorov's final sentence states: "The will for freedom comes before freedom." He writes for those who still have the "will for freedom" — even though they be only Isaiah's "remnant."

Because we believe that in America there is more than a remnant, we forego the usual review. Instead we bring you below a few gems from this profound and beautifully written little volume. And we will add to the collection, as space permits, in future issues. It is our hope that they will inspire you to read, and re-read, the book in its entirety and, like Isaiah, to carry the message.

*On economic planners:* "The 'economic planner' must resort to constriction, to limitation of choice, to the strangulation of imagination. The planner undertakes to prescribe what the individual *should* want, and the basis for his prescription is a

conviction that he knows best what is 'good' for the individual."

*On bureaucrats:* "The mind of the bureaucrat can be compared, and without invidious intent, with the criminal mind in that it takes its shape from the peculiarities of the trade. Like the criminal, the bureaucrat is removed from the disciplines of the market place, gaining his living not by production but by predation . . . Ideologically, the bureaucracy is always 'leftist' (if by the term is meant enlargement of State power), not so much by persuasion but because of personal interest and the psychology of the trade. A bureaucrat is a socialist, or a

communist, because his business requires him to think like a socialist or communist."

*On politics and economics:* "Since the beginning of political institutions, there have been attempts to fix wages, control prices, and create capital, all resulting in failure. Such undertakings must fail because the only competence of politics is in compelling men to do what they do not want to do or to refrain from doing what they are inclined to do, and the laws of economics do not come within that scope. They are impervious to coercion."

—Rosalie Gordon

## Supreme Court Please Note

"Encouraged by an unconstitutional ruling of the U. S. Supreme Court, left-wingers entirely overlook the fact that 'people must be drawn to good through goodness;' that you cannot legislate decency into the hearts of mankind.

"Most of us can remember the folly this nation committed in enacting the 18th Amendment. It was intended to encourage tem-

perance. Prior to its ratification, America had been making great strides toward temperance, through education, not by the use of force. The 18th Amendment was an instrument of force . . .

"The net result: The American people resented this interference in their private lives. Finally, they rose in their might and repealed the Prohibition Amendment. But the error was

not corrected until the cause of true temperance had been set back 50 years, perhaps for an

entire century."

—George Peck in his syndicated column "The American Way."

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